

House Bill 979 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Hamilton of the 23rd, Hill of the 21st, Jerguson of the 22nd, and Byrd of the 20th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Cherokee County, approved
2 March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4295), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
3 April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4876), so as to revise the districts for the election of members
4 of the board of commissioners; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for
5 manner of election; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance pursuant to
6 Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related
7 matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 An Act creating a board of commissioners for Cherokee County, approved March 30, 1989
11 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4295), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002
12 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4876), is amended by revising subsections (a) through (e) of Section 2 as
13 follows:

14 "(a) The board of commissioners of Cherokee County shall consist of five members. One
15 of the members shall be the chairperson and shall be elected by a majority of the registered
16 voters of the county voting in the election. Each candidate for the other four positions shall
17 be a resident of the commissioner district created by this section which such person offers
18 to represent and shall be elected by a majority vote of the voters of such commissioner
19 district voting in the election.

20 (b) For the purpose of electing the four district commissioners, Cherokee County is
21 divided into four commissioner districts which shall be and correspond to those four
22 numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further
23 identified as 'Plan: chercc-2012 Plan Type: Local Administrator: Cherokee User: Gina'.

24 (c) For the purposes of such plan:

25 (1) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
26 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census

27 of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
 28 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual
 29 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United
 30 States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia; and

31 (2) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
 32 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
 33 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
 34 census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

35 (d)(1) Any part of Cherokee County which is not included in any district described in
 36 subsection (c) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part
 37 which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of
 38 2010 for the State of Georgia.

39 (2) Any part of Cherokee County which is described in subsection (c) of this section as
 40 being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such
 41 district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall
 42 instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least
 43 population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of
 44 Georgia.

45 (e) Those members of the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County who are serving
 46 as such on the effective date of this subsection and any person selected to fill a vacancy
 47 in any such office shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of
 48 their respective terms of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective
 49 successors."

50 **SECTION 2.**

51 Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date
 52 of this Act, shall continue to be designated as Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4,
 53 respectively, but as newly described under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this
 54 Act, such members of the board serving from those former commissioner districts shall be
 55 deemed to be serving from and representing their respective districts as newly described
 56 under this Act.

57 **SECTION 3.**

58 The Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County shall through its legal counsel cause this
 59 Act to be submitted for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of
 60 1965, as amended, not later than 30 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the
 61 Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

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SECTION 4.

63 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

DPlan: chercc-2012
Plan Type: Local
Administrator: Cherokee
User: Gina

District 001
Cherokee County
VTD: 057004 - BALL GROUND
VTD: 057010 - CANTON
VTD: 057013 - CLAYTON
VTD: 057014 - CONNS CREEK
VTD: 057018 - FREEHOME
VTD: 057020 - HIGHTOWER
VTD: 057027 - MACEDONIA
VTD: 057030 - R M MOORE
VTD: 057031 - R T JONES
VTD: 057033 - SALACOA
VTD: 057036 - TEASLEY

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VTD: 057041 - WALESKA

District 002
Cherokee County
VTD: 057001 - AIR ACRES
VTD: 057002 - ARNOLD MILL
VTD: 057003 - AVERY
VTD: 057008 - BRADSHAW
VTD: 057017 - DUPREE
VTD: 057019 - HICKORY FLAT
VTD: 057025 - LICKSKILLET
VTD: 057026 - LITTLE RIVER
VTD: 057028 - MOUNTAIN ROAD
VTD: 057038 - UNION HILL
VTD: 057039 - UNIVETER

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VTD: 057043 - WOODLANDS
VTD: 057044 - WOODSTOCK

District 003
Cherokee County
VTD: 057005 - BASCOMB
VTD: 057009 - BRIDGEMILL
VTD: 057022 - HOLLY SPRINGS
VTD: 057024 - LIBERTY
VTD: 057034 - SIXES
VTD: 057035 - SUTALLEE
VTD: 057036 - TEASLEY

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090602:

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VTD: 057037 - TOONIGH
VTD: 057040 - VICTORIA
VTD: 057042 - WILDCAT

District 004

Cherokee County

VTD: 057006 - BELLS

VTD: 057007 - BOOTH

VTD: 057011 - CARMEL

VTD: 057012 - CHEROKEE SOUTH

VTD: 057015 - DEER RUN

VTD: 057016 - DIXIE

VTD: 057021 - HILLSIDE

VTD: 057023 - KELLOGG

VTD: 057029 - OAK GROVE

VTD: 057032 - ROSECREEK